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Editorial

Four for One Dollar

The proposition of the Brethren Publication Board, published in last week's paper, to send the BRETHREN EVANGELIST for a period of three months to four different addresses for only one dollar, is meeting with favor, and it is earnestly hoped that every pastor in the brotherhood will present the matter to his people and urge those who are able to pay one dollar each to have the paper sent to four friends whom he may designate. It is a very small sum, and yet think what it would mean if the full five hundred could be secured. Are there not four or five persons in your congregation who will give one dollar each to have the paper sent three months to four persons? The Publication Board is in earnest about the matter and expects to make an honest effort to secure the number. After this week we will publish, each week, the names and addresses of those who have sent us one dollar for the purpose above stated.

Important.—Do not forget that the price of the EVANGELIST to new subscribers from now to the end of the year 1902 is but \$1.50. If there are any new subscribers to be secured in your congregation, now is the opportune time to get them.

Christian Education

The desirability of Christian education is not a question, which in this day of advanced Christian civilization, admits of much discussion. The need of such education is admitted by the church universal. Within the last decade, however, there has been much discussion as to the desirability and the place of the denominational, and often small, Christian college, and on this subject the California Christian Advocate writes to the point as follows:

On the whole, we are bound to regret the tendency in some quarters away from the small Christian college. The large and crowded colleges lack personal contact. Education in itself, as a mere course of instruction, cannot, thru the generations, sustain itself. The great systems, articulated from grammar school to national and international university, produce weariness, and make the acquirement of an education stiff and irksome. The student does not want more system, but more of the personal contact and personal encouragement of the teacher. We have no hesitancy in saying that a student can better afford to go thru a university inadequately equipped with mechanical appliances than he can to go thru a college without coming in strong per-

sonal fellowship with the instructors. Education is not in formulas, not in abstract, impersonal truth. Abstract or impersonal truth has but little influence upon us in the formation of our moral character. The truth that moves us is evangelical and personal. It is sometimes carelessly thought that young people should come to their ideas of religion without the personal aid of others, but this is not correct. It is right to prejudice the mind against wrong and in favor of right. It is as much the duty of parents and instructors to teach religion as it is to teach any rule or principle of conduct. The Christian university is the natural outcome of the Christian home. Parents seeking the highest outcome for their children should remember that character is not the product of mental training alone, nor is it in the most complicated formulas of science, nor in the mere accumulation of facts, but in the power to do right, the power and grace to feel right. Education is very largely the power of attention. The power of the mind to hold on without wavering to moral ideas, to cling to the great corrective principles of righteousness, is the highest education.

Any education that weakens the power to lay hold upon the unseen, the supernatural, is self destructive. The sustaining impulse of an education is not utility in material values, but a wealth of character. Every student ought to dig out the meaning of Christianity. It is well enough to know much besides, but Christianity means more to the student than all the rest of the field of human knowledge.

Forgetters

The failures and embarrassments which follow in the train of the carelessness and thoughtlessness which lie at the foundation of forgetfulness must be past enumeration. It not only requires thought to maintain a clear grasp of the numberless small things and sometimes tedious details of daily duties, but it also requires a sensitive and responsive energy. What wisdom there is in that exhortation of the apostle to be "instant in season and out of season." He meant that this should govern our habit of obedience to duty. Concentrate for a moment upon that word "instant." You can't find a corner in that word to hide another second of delay. It means so quick a response to the call of duty that the telegram coming from the heart to the brain and from the brain to the muscles, or changing the figure, from the conscience to the will, and from the will to the volition, has hardly time to reach its destination, so urgent is the "King's business." *Instant.* If you are marching under these orders, you can not put off until tomorrow what should be done today; you can not wait for more convenient season, for there stands the "out of season" to confound you. If